MANY CALL MONDAY'S OUTRAGE BLOT ON FAIR NAME OF CAPITAL

To the Editor of THE TIMES: You are giving valuable service to the public in asking for information in regard to the suffrage parade, March 3. I occupied a seat which was directly behind the box in which the President's wife sat. The scene was so disgraceful that it drove her and her friends from

It was reported that Mrs. Taft left to inform the President of the riot and the disagreeable affair. Thirty-five minutes after she left the cavalry from Fort Myer appeared, Mrs. Taft did not come

hack.
That disgraceful failure will be used as another argument for the removal of the Capital of the United States into the Mississippi valley, and when the women yote they will move it.

D. W. WOOD.

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To the Editor of THE TIMES: Being a constant reader of your pa-per, and a follower of your advocacy of right and wrong, I wish to emphasize a statement in regard to the suffrage parade, and put the critics and fault finders where they belong.

First of all I do not blame Major Sylvester. Naturally as chief of police and head of the department, the knocking will come to his door first. I am sure if the major had orders that the people should stand behind the ropes that were placed along the Avenue you can rest assured there they would be. The police were there to protect the marchers and to give safety to the people, and they did their best to make the

ple, and they did their best to make the parade a success.

In a time like this, when 20,000 people bour out into the main thoroughfare it impossible to keep some hoodiums from yelling and jeering. It is up to Congress to give the major more men, as washington has not the quota of police, as regards the same conditions as other large cities. Of course, it is to be regretted that a time like this, when so many strangers were present, that the parade was interfered with.

You can put it down in black and white that when the fault is sifted, it will lie at the feet of the public in general, and not at one lone chief of police. I believe in the protection of humanity and women especially, and they have a certain right to voice their sentiments in regard to the welfare of their homes, but the good Creator who made them never for one moment intended that they should ever enter politics.

Yours respectfully, CLARENCE JAMES HOLLIDAY,

To the Editor of THE TIMES: To any fair-minded person, it is rea-sonable to understand at this time how much more difficult a task the police had in their endeavors to keep order on the inaugural parade on the next day. The one created ridicule from many

The rare and spectacutar scene which the suffragettes wished to create for edvertising purposes they have gained. That is not enough to suit their purposes. The people were too anxious to get a good view of the paraders and ressed forward against all objections, breaking them down. This formed another opportunity for outery and advertising, and they would now unseat Major Sylvester, enlisting the sympathy of the community as if the police chief were at fault. ad beyond the ropes, under them, and

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to the Editor of THE TIMES:

As a Connecticut newspaper man who To the Editor of THE TIMES: has witnessed many large parades, it for the police to have afforded protecto the inaugural parade Tuesday, had I would not add to the many letters the same precautions been taken.

the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and will the responsible heads be dropped. Fifteenth street. At 1 o'clock the avenue at that point could have been cleared by four or five mounted policemen. Everybody expected it would be. At 3 o'clock the crowd covered every inch of ice and there was no place to which When the parade approached, half a

When the parade approached, half a dozen mounted policemen worked valiantly, swinging their clubs and calling to the crowd to move back. Apparently they did all they could, but it was then too late. They were greatly aided by cavalry, but at that time after the crowd had packed itself like sardines into the avenue it was a physical impossibility to do more tha nforce a narew passageway for the parade. The trouble was lack of preparedness. Had the police cleared the Avenue at moon, as they could easily have done, the parade would have passed along as successfully as did the inaugural parade successfully as did the inaugural parade the next day. F. W. BOLANDE.

Te the Editor of THE TIMES: I wish to complain of the treatment re-

I wish to complain of the brutal treatment received while myself and friends were marching in the suffrage parade.

While standing behind the ropes at the south corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street we were knocked down and trodden on and painfully crushed. White men and negroes cursed us, and we were unable to get out of the mob. There was not a policeman in sight.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: In regard to the inadequate protection given the suffrage parade Monday. I would like to say that the governors from some of the States who were here should come in for some of the criti-

When the women falled to receive promise of protection from various sources they frantically appealed to the

Leaders in Suffragist Protest Against Inefficient Police Protection



the Times" I have this to say: I was in the line of march, and from Peace Monument to the Treasury were pushed to the car tracks, often two abreast. and halting every few minutes, between a seething, howling, hooting, jeering, unrestrained mass of the lowest ebb

of humanity.

I don't suppose that there were no ladies or gentlemen present, some may have been jammed 'n by accident. I had to march nearly all the way from the Peace Monument on the car tracks.

As my daughter, who was by my side. the day of the suffrage parade than in is frail, I made her walk on the smooth

surface.

We heard not one strain of music from the beginning to the end of the march, although there were bands not far away. Who is to blame for this? Why did the police allow the people to crowd into the streets at first when we were given the right of way? Will some one please answer.

A PARTICIPANT.

To the Editor of THE TIMES: Do not let the people of the District of Columbia find so much fault with our police force and oust Major Sylvester from his position. The women have not yet received the privilege of voting, and

Major Sylvester, enlisting the sympathy of the community as if the police chief were at fault.

Their policy is "Advertising, no matter at what cost."

The inaugural parade had the good solver to our President, and no close inspection was desired by any one.

One parade was a surging mob of spectators, and the other a sensible crowd of well-behaved people.

After the experience or the previous day the police might have learned better how to handle the same people, and if the suffrage parade had been repeated they would probably have held adventage.

I want to commend The Times for its eems to me that it was just as easy position in regard to the outrageous conduct of the Washington police force on to the suffrage parade Monday as at the women's equal suffrage parade. published, if it were not for the belief I witnessed the suffrage parade from that the more said about it the quicker

The crowd in general, while probably not sympathetic, was not antagonistic, except for a few drunkards and youngsters that came to have a good time and who could have been kept in order had the police made the effort to do so. Instead the police looked on and smiled as the ladies were intruded upon. Along the route from First to about Twelfth street I do not recall seeing but one mounted policeman while on Tuesday they were everywhere.

All praise to the Boy Scouts and some solders. If not for them we would never have gotten through.

The blam eshould not be placed upon the people of Washington, but rather to the autocratic government of this city. Had we the right of citizenship and could elect and recall our officers such a thing would never have happened.

A MALE MARCHER. not sympathetic, was not antagonistic,

To the Editor of THE TIMES: In response to your invitation to I wish to complain of the treatment received in the women's suffrage parade on March 3. We were forced to walk single file nearly all the way and all descriptions of smutty, insulting remarks were cast at us. The remarks were made by drunken men and negroes who blocked our way. PARTICIPANT.

the apparent lack of interest in the apparent lack of interest in the police in protecting the women marchers on Monday, I would like to say that I, as one of the marchers, saw so many instances that I cannot enumerate them all.

Once, however, when we were obliged to march single file and the crowd was closing in upon us his back to us, write for publication any instance of closing in upon us more and more, a policeman stood with his back to us, conversing pleasantly with a man in the crowd, seemingly unconcerned over the fact that the parade had come to a stop and that a drunken man was near-ly falling over our marshal, mumbling odious remarks in her face. Just at this point an ambulance came hurrying by hetween the curb and the crowd. Judg-ing from the speed at which the am-bulance was going, there could have

bulance was going, there could have been no great congestion there, though that I could not tell, as I myself was completely shut in.

That the "police did the best they could under the circumstances," as Commissioner Johnston and Major Sylvester have remarked, seems hardly-possible. If there was plenty of space between the crowd and the curb a concerted effort on the part of the police between the crowd and the curb a con-certed effort on the part of the police to move the crowd back would not have been attended with any more dan-ger to the crowd than was imposed unon the marchers throughout the en-tire parade. That we suffered no seri-ous injuries was certainly due to good fortune, and by no means to good man-agement.

E. A. FAY.

sources they frantically appealed to the governors to allow their National Guards to patrol the streets, only to receive lame and indifferent excuses. One of the excuses was that if the Guard did duty Monday they would be in no condition to parade Tuesday.

That such an occurrence as happened Monday happened in the most civilized country in the world is past belief. The savages of darkest Africa are gentlemen compared to the brutes who participated in their so-called fun.

Our nation may well blush, and especially for the reason of its happening in our beautiful city right at the doors of the Rouse of Representatives, snd, holding up their hands, cry, "Ye gods, what are we coming to."

With proper policing, the magnificent parade would have gone down in history as a credit to American men and women, but now it only makes an in-

At Top, Left to Right-MISS ALICE PAUL and MRS, HELEN H. GARDENER Taking Testimony at Suffrage Headquarters.-Photo by G. V. Buck. Single Picture at Right-MRS. ROBERT BAKER.-Photo by Harris & Ewing.

Group Picture at Bottom; Left to Right; First Row-MISS DORRIS C. STEVENS, Dayton, Ohio; MRS. JAMES A. MARLAY, Dayton, Ohio; MRS. GLENNA S. TINNIN, Washington, D. C.; MRS. KEPPELE HALL, Dayton, Ohio; daughter of Malcome Hay, Pittsburg, Pa. Back Row-MRS. M. A. WOOD, MISS ALICE VIGNOS, Canton, Ohio; MISS HARDEN, MRS. S. M. COLEMAN, daughter of General Moseby; MISS BLANCHE VIGNOS, Canton, Ohio, daughter of Major Vignos, Member State Board for Investigating Women's Work in Ohio.

of any disorder until they saw it heralded by the quondam hero Hobson, and oners in Congress, when they demanded an investigation. The grave and discribed Senators are now examining witnesses and hearing complaints.

As many women as men broke the demander of the street in the full the women police the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. He women police the street in the full this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street.

streets on this fateful occasion. Instead of taking it in good part, the sympathy racket is being worked by the suffragettes, and Washington is branded as lawless. A mole hill is magnified into a mountain.

If the champions of the "cause" take

street. All this time the crowd was gathering in the middle of the street. I said to a policeman who came near me, "What will you do with this mob when the parade comes?" He said, "Madam I have no orders to clear the

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the crowd so that I could go home. He told me I had no business to come out in the crowds, I fought overy minute of the time I was in the Avenue for myself and my child's safety.

MRS. H. D. GORDON.

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

In my candid opinion, were Major Sylvester more inclined toward giving his attention to his legitimate duties in seeing that his subordinates did theirs instead of posing for the benefit of the mublic. I really believe that much if not all of the disorder which took place on Monday last might have been prevented. As an eye witness of the indigural parade on Tuesday, I was much impressed with the manner in which find find the column, some little distance in advance of any police, thus leading those who were in ignorance of his true status to infer that it was he and he alone that was grand marshal of the entire parade.

While he, "Major," may be quite a success as a poseur, the fact remains

North Carolina Naval Reserves Are Rescued

The steamer Elfrida, bound to Wash-ington with the naval reserves of the State of North Carolina, who expected to participate in the inaugural parade, was pulled from the hard sands of Al-

was pulled from the hard sands of Albemarie Sound by the revenue cutter Pamlico last night.

Wireless dispatches from Captain West, of the Pamilco, said today that the Elfrida was released but a short time before the tremendous northwest gale broke upon the coast. Had this wind caught the vessel aground, said Captain West, she would undoubtedly have been rapidly broken up, possibly with loss of life.

The Elfrida was towed to Elizabeth city. The vessi had just entered the mouth of the Albemarie river to come up through the canal to the Virginia Capes, when she grounded, five days ago.

A nephew of Josephus Daniels, new Secretary of the Navy, was one of those aboard the Elfrids. The Secre-tary was greatly relieved when he heard today that all were safe.

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